मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) क्योंकि राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास ने इस पुस्तक मेले में भाग नहीं लिया, अतः मेले में प्रदर्शित पुस्तकों के ब्यौरे ज्ञात नहीं हैं। तथापि, एक प्रकाशक अर्थात् मैसर्स यू बी एस पब्लिशर्स डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स लिमिटेड ने इस मेले में भाग लिया और 145 पुस्तकें प्रदर्शित की। मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय को दी गई एक रिपोर्ट में मैसर्स यू बी एस पब्लिशर्स डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स लिमिटेड ने बताया है कि कला, संस्कृति समाज शास्त्र, अर्थ शास्त्र, कृषि और संबद्ध विज्ञानों से संबंधित पुस्तकों को चीन को निर्यात करने की संभावनाएं हैं। भविष्य में बीजिंग पुस्तक मेलों में भाग लेने के प्रस्तावों पर विचार करते समय इस सुझाव को ध्यान में रखा जाएगा।

Publication of books in regional languages by National Book Trust

*240. SHRI CHITTA BASU; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any scheme for publication of ten best books in regional languages mentioned in the eighth schedule of the Constitution by translating them into other regional languages;

(b) whether any target had been fixed by Government in this regard to publish such books during the last three years;

(c) if so, the number of publications brought out by National Book Trust, during the last three years in regional languages;

(d) whether the said target has been achieved by National Book Trust, if not. what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are taken by Government to promote publications in regional languages?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. To promote inter-regional understanding, the National Book Trust is bringing out translation of fhe best books in Indian languages Into various other Indian languages under a scheme known as 'Aadan Pradan'.

(b) While preparing their annual budget, the Trust fixes targets for publications under various series.

(c) Number of titles published in the past three years is 56 (this includes originals, reprints and translations) as per details given below;

Year	*No of titles*
1983-84	13
1984-85	11
1985-86	32
TOTAL	**56**

(d) No, Sir. The shortfall is reportedly due to the difficulty in getting dependable translators and printers in regional languages.

(e) Government also provide financial assistance to individuals and voluntary! organisations for publication of defined categories of quality books in regional languages.

Rail lints damaged due *to* floods.. in Andhra Pradesh

1429. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the details of the railway lines damaged due to recent floods in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what» progress has so far been made with regard to the repairs of these railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCTNDIA). (a) Details of railway lines damaged due to floods in August—October 86, are as under: